GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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Fiscal Council
Singh Shri Dushyant

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 14th Finance Commission has recommended to constitute an Independent Fiscal Council which will evaluate the budget announcements and forecasts;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of its implementation;
(c) whether the Government intends to constitute such a body in order to improve the Government''s credibility on fiscal management; and
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (d): The 14th Finance Commission has recommend an amendment to the FRBM Act inserting a new section mandating the establishment of an independent fiscal council to undertake ex-ante assessment of the fiscal policy implications of budget proposals and their consistency with fiscal policy and Rules. No decision thereon has yet been taken.